

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

April 8, 2002
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

TONI NELSON, Council President; RANDY CORMAN; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; TERRI BRIERE; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; LAWRENCE J. WARREN; City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; COMMANDER KATHLEEN MCCLINCY, Police Department.

**SPECIAL
PRESENTATIONS**

School District: School
Construction Bond Election,
April 23, 2002

Renton School District Superintendent Dr. Dolores Gibbons announced that the Renton School District school construction bond election will be held on April 23, 2002. She stated that this measure is the same as was presented to voters in February; however, it failed to reach the 60 percent supermajority needed to pass. Dr. Gibbons explained that in the late 1980s, a 20-year goal was established to remodel or rebuild all of the buildings in the school district. Reviewing what has been accomplished and what is being accomplished during phase I and phase II of the 20-year facilities plan, she stated that the upcoming election represents phase III, and she detailed the proposed upgrades and improvements planned for phase III.

Continuing, Dr. Gibbons stated that the capital bond measure on the ballot for April 23rd is a 20-year bond proposal in the amount of \$155,000,000. She explained that the school improvements will be paid for with a minimal tax rate increase beginning 2003 of 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. If the bond measure is passed, the total tax rate, including this bond, existing bonds and the recent voter approved levy, will be \$3.89 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Dr. Gibbons concluded by saying that additional information about the bond measure can be obtained by contacting the school district or by visiting its website at www.renton.wednet.edu.

Council President Nelson commented that the new schools are wonderful and the students are proud of them. Councilman Parker added that a community is measured in part by its schools, and the schools exemplify the City's economic development activities.

Human Services: King County
Sexual Assault Resource
Center (KCSARC)

Lindsey Anne Palmer, Director of Education for the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC), read a proclamation by the State of Washington declaring the week of April 7-13, 2002, as Sexual Assault Awareness Week. Ms. Palmer expressed her appreciation to individuals in the community who help support KCSARC, and she acknowledged the assistance provided by the Renton business community for providing meeting space to KCSARC over the years. In conclusion, Ms. Palmer recognized the following for their generous support: Renton Community Center, Renton Historical Museum, Wells Street Café, and Silver Cloud Inn.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Derek Todd, Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer, reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and

work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2002 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ The Parks Department received the *2001 Blue Ribbon Trail of the Year* award and plaque from the Washington Water Trails Association in recognition of excellence in the development and management of water trails.
- ✱ The City has received notice from The Boeing Company terminating portions of the Apron C Boeing Lease at the Renton Airport, effective May 1, 2002, which consist of approximately 250,000 square feet. The area will revert to the control of the City of Renton.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Petersen –
Request for Budget &
Financial Information

Inez Petersen, 3306 Lake Washington Blvd. N. #2, Renton, 98056, thanked the Finance Committee for their assistance in clarifying how she can obtain the budget and financial information she requested. She also asked Council to consider the construction of an indoor swimming pool, similar to the Bellevue Aquatic Center, so that families can swim all year long.

Citizen Comment: Darst –
Veterans Memorial Park

Pat Darst, 2601 Edmonds Ave. NE, Renton, 98056, said he attended the Finance Committee at which funding for the Renton Veterans Memorial was discussed. He indicated that discussion included: the possibility of waiting a couple of years to build the memorial, and obtaining more money for the memorial from businesses. In response, Mr. Darst described the efforts he has made in obtaining contributions for the memorial and detailed the amounts received so far from various businesses. Stating that he is proud to be a veteran, he emphasized the importance of recognizing veterans in this manner and explained how veterans have contributed to the country.

Having reached the end of his five-minute comment period, the Council agreed to allow Mr. Darst five more minutes to speak.

Comparing the memorial's design to the memorial erected in the City of Auburn, Mr. Darst explained that because of the design, the Renton memorial should encounter little if any vandalism, and should not cost the City very much to maintain. In conclusion, Mr. Darst urged Council to use the City's budget surplus to fund the Veterans Memorial.

Councilman Clawson commented that there are a number of projects being proposed, and the City is currently in the process of determining how to use the budget balance. He stated that the amount needed to complete the memorial is substantial, and he wants to make sure that the City spends the surplus funds wisely. Mr. Clawson expressed his support for the project and noted that the City has already provided the land for the memorial.

Citizen Comment: Almeda –
Veterans Memorial Park

Carlos Almeda, 815 S. 195th St., Des Moines, 98148, identified himself as the District 11 Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and a member of the Renton VFW Post 1263. Mr. Almeda requested that the City support the completion of the Veterans Memorial, saying that the memorial honors all past, present and future men and women of the armed forces.

Councilman Corman stated that the Council has been studying this project and indicated that he is confident that the City will find a way to complete it. Council President Nelson also expressed her support for the memorial and emphasized that the memorial will be completed.

Citizen Comment: Keesy –

Lester Keesy, past Commander of VFW 1965/1966, 12664 SE 169th Pl.,

Veterans Memorial Park	<p>Renton, 98058, acknowledged the Council's support of the memorial and stated that he is a member of the Honor Guard which is proud to serve City of Renton and the surrounding community.</p> <p>Councilman Clawson reported that Council was informed during budget deliberations last fall that there was not enough money to adequately staff the Police Department. He expressed his concern about the lack of staffing and hoped that there would be enough money to fund basic public services as well as the memorial. Acknowledging the importance of further discussion on these issues, Councilman Corman stated that he was Public Safety Committee Chair last year and indicated that he believes that there is adequate funding to provide for public safety.</p> <p>Mayor Tanner stated for the record that Renton is one of a few cities in the Puget Sound Region that has not cut services to its citizens.</p>
Advancement to Finance Committee Report	<p>MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADVANCE TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.</p>
<p><u>Finance Committee</u></p> <p>Finance: Veterans Memorial Park & Swimming Pool Funding</p>	<p>Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending that the matter of funding for the Veterans Memorial Park and the swimming pool be referred to the <u>Committee of the Whole</u> and that Committee of the Whole establish a time to discuss the swimming pool and Veterans Memorial Park funding. The Committee further recommended that at the Committee of the Whole meeting, the Council establish time to take informal public comment about these two proposed projects. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND SET THE DATE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ON APRIL 22, 2002, AT 6:00 P.M. CARRIED.</p>
CONSENT AGENDA	<p>Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.</p>
Council Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2002	<p>Approval of Council meeting minutes of April 1, 2002. Council concur.</p>
Plat: Liberty Ridge Phase 3, Edmonds Ave NE (FP-02-007)	<p>Development Services Division recommended approval of the Liberty Ridge Phase 3 Final Plat; 38 single-family lots on 9.1 acres located in the vicinity of Edmonds Ave. NE and NE 3rd and 4th Streets (FP-02-007). Council concur. (See page 126 for resolution.)</p>
Planning: 2001 Annual Update of the Zoning Book & Wall Map	<p>Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department recommended approval of the 2001 annual amendments to the City's Zoning Book and Wall Map. (See page 126 for ordinance.)</p>
Police: Criminal Code Adoption from RCW	<p>Legal Division recommended adopting portions of the criminal code of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) to Section 6-10-1 of the Renton City Code. Refer to <u>Public Safety Committee</u>.</p>
Streets: Oakesdale Ave SW Temporary Street Closure	<p>Transportation Systems Division recommended a four-day temporary closure from April 15 to April 18, 2002, of Oakesdale Ave. SW between SW 16th St. to SW 27th St.; and SW 27th St. between Oakesdale Ave. SW and Lind Ave. SW for reconstruction of the intersection. Council concur. (See page 126 for resolution.)</p>
Solid Waste: 2002-2003 Waste	<p>Utility Systems Division recommended approval of the 2002-2003 Waste</p>

Reduction & Recycling Grant Agreement, King County

Reduction and Recycling Grant Interlocal Agreement with King County which provides for \$103,650 in funding to implement Special Recycling Events, a Business Recycling Program and the Natural Yard Care Program. Refer to Utilities Committee.

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Added

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Bowen – Parkway Townhomes Plumbing Problems

Correspondence was read from Ethan A. Bowen, Parkway Townhomes Homeowners Association Secretary, 4708-B NE 18th Pl., Renton, 98059, describing excessive corrosion and premature failure of the plumbing for hot water heaters at Parkway Townhomes allegedly due to the quality of Renton's water. Mr. Bowen recommended that the plumbing code be revised or the quality of the water be improved, and requested Council attention to the matter.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: Gullekson – Use of Property Owned by Tydico Const Co

An electronic letter was read from Ed and Sandy Gullekson, 111 Bremerton Pl. NE, Renton, 98059, requesting assistance with the use of property owned by Tydico Construction Company and located in King County. The letter states that neighboring residents are subjected to excessive noise due to the dumping of unknown materials on the property, and they expressed concern that underground fuel tanks located on the property may be leaking into an adjacent stream bed. The Gullekson's requested that an injunction be filed against Tydico to stop their business activities.

Councilman Persson stated that this has been an ongoing problem, and pointed out that the affected homeowners are Renton residents while the Tydico property is located in King County. He recommended that the City Attorney write a letter to the King County Prosecuting Attorney to encourage him to take legal action against Tydico. City Attorney Larry Warren said that he would write a letter, but expressed concern that it may not be very effective.

Mayor Tanner stated that King County has cited Tydico, but Tydico is ignoring the citation. He agreed that although sending a letter may not be very effective, it would not hurt, and recommended that the Gullekson's letter be sent to all King County Councilmembers with a cover letter from the City of Renton.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO FORWARD THE CORRESPONDENCE ALONG WITH A COVER LETTER FROM THE CITY SIGNED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO THE KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNCILMEMBERS. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 202603 – 203052 and two wire transfers totaling \$2,470,916.48; and approval of Payroll Vouchers 37277 – 37515, one wire transfer and 548 direct deposits totaling \$1,674,697.79. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: Fire Station #12 Construction Bond Issuance

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending that City Council authorize the administration to issue bonds to finance the construction of Fire Station #12. The amount of the bonds to be issued will be based upon requirements of the project and an amount determined from the fire mitigation fund. Further, the debt service for the bonds will be paid from future fire

mitigation fees and revenues.*

Councilman Parker pointed out that the bonds will be paid, not from the general fund, but from the fire mitigation fund which are funds collected from development.

*MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation (Aviation)
Committee

Airport: Bruce Leven Lease
Addendum #6 (LAG-88-001)

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Addendum #06-02 to LAG-88-001, Renton Airport lease with Bruce J. Leven, to document the existing use of a portion of the West Side Office Property. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Airport: A-1 Fuel Services
Operating Permit & Agreement

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation that Council approve a ten-year operating permit and agreement for A-1 Fuel Services, Inc., for the continuation of an existing fueling business, and to provide other aviation-related services at the Renton Airport. The Committee further recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the operating permit and agreement. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation: Transit Signal
Priority System Contract
Addendum, IBI Group

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into the supplemental agreement with IBI Group, Inc. for professional consulting services for the Transit Signal Priority System Project (CAG-01-098). The supplemental agreement in the amount of \$48,080 is for professional design services, which were not included in the original contract. The funding will come from the approved Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Transit Priority Signal System (Fund 317) and \$3,965 paid by the Utilities Division. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning & Development
Committee

Development Services: Fence
Height Regulations

Planning and Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding maximum residential fence height regulations. The Committee met to review and discuss potential revisions to the maximum residential fence height regulations established in Title 4 (Development Regulations).

Currently, City Code limits the height of residential fences to a maximum of four feet when located adjacent to a public street. The Committee recommended that staff explore options that would allow for flexibility within the fence height regulations. The options explored should take into consideration visual safety concerns. The Committee also recommended that the Council be directed to schedule a public hearing to discuss the fence code amendments on May 6, 2002. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Councilwoman Keolker-Wheeler encouraged citizens who have concerns about the visual safety issues related to fence height to attend the public hearing and express their opinions.

Public Safety: 800-MHz
Radios & Police Department
Staffing

Councilman Clawson reported that the issues of the 800-MHz radios and Police Department staffing are still being discussed by the Public Safety Committee.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3559

Plat: Liberty Ridge Phase 3,
Edmonds Ave NE (FP-02-007)

A resolution was read approving the Liberty Ridge Phase 3 Final Plat; approximately 9.1 acres located in the vicinity of Edmonds Ave. NE and NE 3rd and 4th Streets (FP-02-007). **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

Resolution #3560

Streets: Oakesdale Ave SW
Temporary Street Closure

A resolution was read authorizing a four-day temporary closure of Oakesdale Ave. SW between SW 16th St. and SW 27th St.; and SW 27th St. between Oakesdale Ave. SW and Lind Ave. SW for reconstruction of the intersection of SW 27th St. and Oakesdale Ave. SW. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

Resolution #3561

Streets: S 180th St/SW 43rd St
Closure (Tukwila's Grade
Separation Project)

A resolution was read authorizing the temporary closure of S. 180th St./SW 43rd St. for a period of 12 months starting on April 15, 2002, during the grade separation project by the City of Tukwila. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.**

The follow ordinance was presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 4/15/2002 for second and final reading:

Planning: 2001 Annual Update
of the Zoning Book & Wall
Map

An ordinance was read adopting the 2001 amendments to the zoning classifications of properties located within the City of Renton. **MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 4/15/2002. CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

SCA: By-Laws

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE TOPIC OF THE SUBURBAN CITIES ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:40 p.m.



BONNIE I. WALTON, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
April 8, 2002